

Dear AsCNP Members:

This is our second AsCNP Presidential Correspondence.

AsCNP-ASEAN Congress

The 1st AsCNP-ASEAN International Congress was successfully held in Yogyakarta, Indonesia, from February 28 to March 2, 2019, under the tremendous leadership of Prof. Andi J. Tanra and Prof. Sonny Lisal. A total of 50 oral sessions were held, with 124 speakers and nearly 500 participants. Photo 1 shows the Opening Ceremony. It was a great honor for me to announce the opening of the congress by ringing the gong. Photo 2 shows one of the lecture halls full of participants. I sincerely appreciate all of the participants, organizers, sponsors, and hospitality of the Indonesian people who made this such a wonderful congress.

AsCNP Board Meeting

The board meeting was held on February 28 (Photo 3). The AsCNP Board approved the budget for this year and organized the Award Committee (Chair: Prof. Shih-Ku Lin) and Education Committee (Chair: Prof. Andi J. Tanra). Dr. Gavin T. Dawe introduced the 7th AsCNP meeting that will be held in Singapore in 2021. The Award Committee will soon announce the call for award applications.

6th AsCNP Congress

This congress will be held in Fukuoka, Japan, from October 11 to 13, 2019: <https://www2.aeplan.co.jp/ascnp/index.html>. The deadline for Early Bird Registration is April 30. The deadline for abstract submission is May 31. Three Plenary Lectures, two Special Lectures, and approximately 60 Symposia have been organized for the 6th AsCNP Congress. On October 10, the Preopening Gathering (free for AsCNP2019 participants) will be held at the venue from 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM. On October 13, the Closing Ceremony with an Award Ceremony and Farewell Party will begin at 6:30 PM. I hope most of you can make your hotel reservations from October 10 to 14 and participate in the entire congress. I have learned that available hotels in the Fukuoka area during the congress are becoming difficult to find, likely because of the Rugby World Cup that will also be held Fukuoka on October 12. The AsCNP 2019 organizers asked a travel agency to block several hundred hotel rooms in Fukuoka. Please visit the travel agency's website if you need help reserving your hotel: <https://www.tabikobo.com/corporate/mice/ascnp2019/en/>.

7th AsCNP Congress

In 2021, the 7th AsCNP Congress will be held in Singapore. Prof. Chay Hoon Tan (AsCNP President-Elect), Prof. Gavin T. Dawe (AsCNP Councilor), and members of the Pharmaceutical Society of Singapore (PSS) Neuropsychopharmacology Section are planning the congress.

CINP

Collegium Internationale Neuro-Psychopharmacologicum (CINP) is an important partner of AsCNP. The CINP President, Prof. Kasper, sent us a letter announcing that CINP automatically approves CINP membership applications from AsCNP members. I would like as many AsCNP members as possible to apply for CINP membership. The CINP membership application website is the following: <https://www.cinp.org/Join-CINP>. CINP membership has numerous benefits. CINP will hold its international meeting in Athens from October 3 to 5, 2019. Although it is 1 week before the AsCNP 2019 Congress, please consider attending both congresses. In 2020, the CINP World Congress will be held in Taipei from June 25 to 28. Please mark your schedule.

I encourage you to visit the AsCNP website, which is frequently updated: <http://ascnp.org/index.html>.



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AsCNP President (2019, 2020)

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Photo 1: AsCNP-ASEAN Congress Opening Ceremony

Andi J. Tanra, Nasrun Massi, Sonny T. Lisal, Eka Viora, Kazutaka Ikeda, Budu



Photo 2: AsCNP-ASEAN Congress Educational Lecture (Toshikazu Saito)



Photo 3: AsCNP Board Meeting at AsCNP-ASEAN Congress.

(Top) Ming-Chyi Huang, Winston Shen, Shih-Ku Lin, Kristian Liaury, Shinya Kasai

(Bottom) Shigeto Yamawaki, Kazutaka Ikeda, Andi J. Tanra, Gavin S. Dawe